## **HAPPY TRAILS**



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WE CREATE COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS.

CARLSBAD CITYWIDE TRAILS PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT:

"PROVIDE A TRAILS
SYSTEM THAT ENSURES
THE RECREATIONAL AND
LEISURE NEEDS OF
CARLSBAD RESIDENTS
WHILE SUPPORTING THE
PROTECTION AND
PRESERVATION OF OPEN
SPACE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE CITY OF
CARLSBAD GENERAL
PLAN."

### TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AT CALAVERA HILLS - VILLAGE H

The 2008 Citywide Trail Volunteer Program kicked off in February with an Eagle Scout project along the trail in Calavera Hills -Village H. Village H open space is located just east of Victoria Lane along Carlsbad Village Drive. Ian Mortimer of Scout Troop 784, completed his Eagle Scout project in March and has installed nearly 600 linear feet of fencing along a volunteer built trail.

Fencing along this trail is important as it will serve to keep trail users on the designated trail and out of sensitive habitat areas that serve as home to the federally endangered gnatcatcher and to also protect sensitive vegetation in the natural habitat.

The Kiwanis Club of Carlsbad is sponsoring this Troop 784 Eagle Scout project and this is one of many projects that troop 784 has taken on that City's trails have benefited from. Ian's project is a true collaboration with many partner groups, including the City. The City is providing the fencing materials and support with Parks staff and City Trail volunteers, in addition The Center for Natural Lands Management, (who manages the open space), is also assisting, along with sponsorship by the Kiwanis and many volunteers from the troop. Ian has certainly brought the community together to provide a sustainable trail project that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Other trail improvements at Vilage H include erosion repairs and brushing and additional fencing. This work will continue as part of the trail volunteer work program for 2008.



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## WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Have you discovered a trail maintenance need out on Carlsbad's Trails? If so please contact Michael Bliss, at Park Maintenance at 434-2985. We appreciate your volunteer service to the Carlsbad community in reporting all trail maintenance needs.

If there's a graffiti problem out on any of the trail amenities, please call the Graffitti Hotline at 434 6700.

"I only went out for a walk, and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.

-- John Muir

### TRAIL EROSION REPAIRS AT THE CROSSINGS TRAIL

The Crossings at Carlsbad, located just off Palomar Airport Road, opened to the public in August. Since that time the trail has become quite popular for hikers and walkers out to get a little exercise in the early morning or over the lunch hour, as many employees in the business park near The Crossings also use this trail.

Recent winter storms had taken a toll on many trails in Carlsbad, and The Crossings trail was no exception. What was exceptional was the speed and manner in which Kemper Sports stepped up and took care of the erosion on a section of trail west of the club house parking lot. (See photos)

KUDOS TO KEMPER SPORTS FOR THE GREAT WORK ON THE EROSION REPAIRS TO THE TRAIL!

There are four miles of walking trails in this area. Parking is available for trail



use at the golf course clubhouse parking lot, at the west end of the main parking area, where a trail head kiosk is located. A trail map and guide of the area is available through the Carlsbad Recreation Department or online at the Recreation Department Trails website.

The Crossings Trail leads to the west of the golf course and down to Macario Creek. The trail continues on to Veterans Memorial Park via a pedestrian tunnel under Faraday Avenue. Once there, hike to the top of the hill for great views of Agua Hedionda Lagoon and the Pacific Ocean on more primitive trails. Trails in Veteran's Memorial Park are on to volunteer work plan to be improved later this summer by trail volunteers.



"BEFORE" PHOTO TRAIL EROSION ON THE CROSSINGS AT CARLSBAD TRAIL



TRAIL AND CART BRIDGE CROSSING OVER MACARIO CREEK

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#### **VOLUNTEER TRAIL CAPTAINS**

Please join us in welcoming new trail Captains: **Ray Rothwell**, Arroyo Vista Trail, and **Mary and Richard James**, The Crossings at Carlsbad.

### Villagio

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#### The Crossings at Carlsbad

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VOLUNTEER "LITTER
BUSTERS", BETH DICKINSON
AND PAUL RICHTER IN ACTION
DOING THEIR PART TO "KEEP
CARLSBAD CLEAN"

### **CARLSBAD'S "LITTER BUSTERS"**

Did you know that there's a sub-group of the Carlsbad Trail Program who is responsible for keeping Carlsbad's open space, trails, parks and beaches clean? They call themselves the" Litter Busters" and are lead by volunteer Beth Dickinson. Beth and her group meet twice a month on Friday mornings and armed with litter bags, trash sticks and the support of the Parks Maintenance Division trucks, this group is really making a difference in picking up litter that might otherwise end up in the ocean or waterways of our coastal community. A big "Thank You", to Beth and friends, for volunteering to take a part in helping to keep our planet clean.

## Become a Trail Volunteer

Join the many dedicated citizens who care deeply about the Citywide Trails. Citywide Trail Volunteers are critical for preserving, maintaining, protecting, developing and operating trails in Carlsbad for public use. It's a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment-all while making a lasting contribution that will benefit the community for generations to come.

If you would like to become a trail volunteer, please contact Sue Irey, Community Volunteer Coordinator at 434-2929, or sign up at: VolunteerinCarlsbad.net

Have an idea for a newsletter article?

Contact the Trail Volunteer Newsletter Editor, Jeff Meyer jmeyer22231@ roadrunner.com

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## 2008 TRAIL EVENTS CALENDAR

April 12- CA Trail Days
Calavera Hills Community Park
8:00AM- Noon

April 19- Hosp Grove 100 Year Anniversary 8:30AM- Noon

June 7- National Trail Day Calavera Hills Community Park 8:00AM- Noon

## CITY RECREATION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HAVE MOVED

In December 2007, the Recreation Administration offices moved from the City Hall complex at Carlsbad Village Dr. to the second floor of the Senior Center at Pine Avenue.

A grand opening was held at the Senior Center on March 5<sup>th</sup> with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the newly expanding area were offered.

The new address is:

Recreation Administration 799 Pine Avenue, Suite 200 Carlsbad, CA 92008

All 2008 Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings will be at the Senior Center this year, downstairs in the newly renovated Senior Center Expansion in the new meeting room. Those who attended, overwhelmingly supported the move to the new facilities for this years remaining Quarterly Trail Meetings.

# **Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings**

March 28 June 19 September 18 December 11

All Quarterly Trail Volunteer meetings will be held at 5:00 PM at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue.

#### TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

In 2008 much of the trails in the Robertson Ranch area will begin construction. The newest trails to be built as part of this private development in the coming year will be along College Avenue and Cannon Road as part of the roadway improvements. This will tie the trail along this major roadway into the existing trail in the Calavera Hills Phase II Development. Additional trail construction will also get underway in Robertson Ranch in the open space area that connects the East and West Villages of the development, as well as a trail connection to the future City park near the intersection of College and Cannon Rd.